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Note verbale dated 22 June 2004 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chairman of the Committee and has the honour to refer to his note of 5 May 2004 concerning measures that have been adopted to comply effectively with the arms embargo imposed by Security Council resolution 1493 (2003).

In that connection the following information is submitted concerning the measures adopted for that purpose by the Argentine Republic.

With respect to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the National Commission for Export Controls on Sensitive Goods and Military Materiel is the body responsible for issuing licences for the export of war materiel, or import certificates at the request of the exporting State. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship is part of the Commission and is responsible, within its field of competence, for ruling on the appropriateness of the grant of licences consistent with existing embargoes of the United Nations, situations of internal conflict, humanitarian law, and so forth. That being so, in order to comply effectively with the arms embargo imposed on that country by resolution 1493 (2003), and with Decree No. 247 of 1 March 2004, the Commission will reject any request for export to that country of military materiel, technology or equipment and/or assistance to armed groups operating in the territory of the provinces of North and South Kivu and in southern Ituri, or to armed groups that are not party to the Global and All-Inclusive Agreement on the Transition in the Democratic Republic of the Congo signed in Pretoria on 17 December 2002, except that supplies for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Interim Emergency Multinational Force deployed in Bunia and the integrated national forces of the Congolese army and police, together with military equipment intended for humanitarian purposes, shall not be subject to the said measures.

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